GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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APPOINTENT OF WOMEN SPORTS INSTRUCTORS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talented girls/women are deprived of sports opportunity due to non-appointment of women sports instructors in Government co-educational schools and colleges in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote sports among the girls /women; and

(c) the number of women sports instructors in Government co-educational schools/colleges in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the number of schools/colleges that does not have women sports instructors ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M. S. GILL)

(a) to (c): `Sports` is a State subject and promotion of the same at State level is the primary responsibility of the concerned State Governments/Union Territories. There is no specific scheme of the Government of India to appoint women sports instructors in Government co-educational schools and colleges. However, the Government of India, through various schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI), augments the efforts on promotion of Sports at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior level.

At present SAI has two training centres in Andaman and Nicobar Island, namely
(i) National Sports Talent Contest Centre (NSTC) at Rangath and
(ii) Special Area Games Centre (SAG) at Port Blair, where sportspersons are given training in different sports disciplines. Women sportspersons also have opportunity to participate in such schemes. Under the SAG Centre at Port Blair, there are 60 boys and 52 girls trainees in the discipline of Cycling, Football, Rowing, Kayaking & Canoeing, Weightlifting and Swimming. Under Jawahar Navodya Vidyalaya Scheme at Panchwati, Rangath (Andaman and Nicobar), in the discipline of Football 25 girl trainees are imparted training by expert coaches.